Rule 2.16 (FRCP 7) Hyperlinks in Electronically Filed Documents.

A hyperlink is an icon or highlighted text inserted in a document that connects one point of electronic data to another, permitting retrieval of the target data when activated.

Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document or hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document cited by the filing party.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard legal citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the Court record. The proper technical functionality of any hyperlink is the exclusive responsibility of the filing party.

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